



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 4, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe:

“According to the Department of Public Works, approximately 6 billion plastic carryout bags are consumed in Los Angeles County each year. This is equivalent to 600 plastic bags per person per year. The prevalence of these bags has significantly contributed to the litter problem and environmental degradation. We need to encourage residents to switch to reusable bags because of their environmental benefits. Using reusable bags decrease litter, conserve natural resources, reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills, keep our communities clean, and protect the marine environment.

“Heal the Bay is sponsoring ‘A Day Without a Bag’ on December 20, 2007, to promote behavioral change. This is a great opportunity for the County to help raise environmental awareness in our day-to-day activities as well as prevent plastic bag litter.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the attached resolution proclaiming December 20, 2007, as “A Day Without a Bag,” throughout Los Angeles County; and
2. Urged shoppers to forego single-use plastic and paper bags in favor of reusable bags.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Public Works